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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Revival of the system of offering Rewards for killing Tigers.

ORDER No. G. 4086-95—FT. 329-28-19, DATED 25TH SEPTEMBER 1929.

At the last Budget Session of the Representative Assembly the Malnad members urged the revival of the system of offering rewards for the killing of tigers which was in force till recently but was abolished when certain amendments to the Game Laws were ordered in April 1928. They also sought for permission to shoot tigers without license in places where their number had increased and there was in consequence great danger to men and cattle.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests who was consulted in the matter has expressed the opinion that, as the number of tigers is gradually diminishing in our forests, protection from indiscriminate killing of these animals is absolutely necessary and that, as the revival of the system of rewards is urged more for the sake of skins than for the alleged damage done by tigers, it is not desirable to revive the system wholesale. In view however of the difficulties brought to notice in certain areas, he suggests the desirability of offering rewards to local people who shoot tigers in the specified areas thrown open for shooting tigers without licenses in pursuance of Government Order No. G. 11674-83—Ft. 149-28-11, dated 18th March 1929.

3. Government agree with the Chief Conservator in this view and are pleased to direct that rewards be granted to local people for killing tigers on the scale previously laid down.

4. As regards the other proposal moved in the Assembly, it has already been *ordered in the Government Order of 18th March 1929 referred to above that,* when tigers become a source of danger to life and property the Chief Conservator may, on the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts permit the villagers for free shooting of tigers without a license. No further modification in this respect is called for.

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